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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-23, 25-31, 33-39, 41-47, and 49 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed June 30, 2006.

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Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1204.01, the Applicants believe that no fees are required for this submission. Should the Applicants be mistaken and additional fees are required, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. Also, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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